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Dear Sir or Madam,

On behalf of the University of Northampton, please find enclosed representations in relation to the above.

I would be grateful if you could confirm receipt of this email and attachment. If you have any queries or would like to discuss, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thanks,

Kind regards,

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Dear Sir or Madam,

Northampton Local Plan Part 2 – Sites Consultation

On behalf of University of Northampton, I write to provide comments on the above consultation document.

I have set out our comments below:

Question 1. Which sites that have been assessed as being suitable for further consideration (Appendix A) do you think are most appropriate for development?

We agree with the conclusion that site LAA1014 University of Northampton Avenue Campus will be given further consideration as a housing site in the Local Plan Part 2. This refers to the delivery of 200 homes in years 1 to 5 of the plan which we fully support.

As set out in our original representations an outline application for redevelopment of Avenue Campus for residential development for up to 200 dwellings has been submitted to NBC and is under consideration. A Joint Statement was agreed between the University of Northampton and the West Northamptonshire Joint Planning Unit and submitted for the Examination in Public for the West Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy in March 2013. This refers to the University's intention to relocate to another site and potential reuse of the existing estate (Avenue and Park Campuses) for residential as follows:

“The Northampton Central Area Action Plan (2013) sets out development principles for key sites in the Enterprise Zone including the Avon/Nunn Mills site. The University of Northampton facilities are currently located outside the central area of Northampton. However the University is considering a re-location to Waterside (Avon/Nunn Mills) to create a better relationship with the town-centre and Enterprise Zone. Policy 28 of the NCAAP sets out the land-uses that are acceptable at Avon/Nunn Mills and the approach to this potential relocation. In view of the economic and cultural importance of the University of Northampton and the attractiveness of the site in terms of its waterside location, mature landscaping, and excellent pedestrian links to the town centre, educational use would be acceptable in principle on part of the Avon/Nunn Mills development, with replacement housing provision being made on the University's existing estate”.

Outline planning permission (and subsequent reserved matters) has been granted for relocation of the University to a new Campus at Waterside, within the Enterprise Zone. This is now under construction and due to open in September 2018. Avenue Campus is in a sustainable location and can deliver much needed housing within the borough.

6. Are there any other sites you think are suitable for the Council to consider in preparing the Local Plan Part 2?

Yes. The University of Northampton's Park Campus should be identified for housing development. Outline planning permission for redevelopment of the existing Park Campus was granted in September 2014 for up to 800 dwellings. The site may not be included as a site for further consideration as it already benefits from outline planning permission but in order to ensure consistency moving forward and avoid any ambiguity the site should be included in Part 2 of the Plan as an allocation.

I would be grateful if you could take the above into account in preparation of the next stage of the document. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any queries.

Yours faithfully

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